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SUBJ: PLANS TO SET UP PRG MISSION IN GENEVA

REF: SAIGON 14498

1. PIERRE NUSSBAUMER (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, IO BUREAU, FPD) CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT SWISS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE WITH UN AUTHORITIES IN GENEVA REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG OFFICE IN GENEVA. ACCORDING TO NUSSBAUMER, UNSYG WALDHEIM DIRECTED WINSPEARE, TOP UN OFFICIAL IN GENEVA, TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH FPD.

2. SWISS STRESSED THAT THEY ARE TAKING ESSENTIALLY PASSIVE ROLE IN QUESTION OF PRG PRESENCE IN GENEVA. THEY VIEW THEIR ACQUIESCENCE TO UN REQUEST AS NATURAL CONSEQUENCE FLOWING FROM UN PRESENCE IN SWITZERLAND.

3. NUSSBAUMER STATED THAT GOS' AGREEING TO PRC OFFICE WILL IN NO WAY IMPLY RECOGNITION, AND THIS WILL BE MADE CLEAR IN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH UN. THERE HAS BEEN NO DIRECT CONTACT BETWEEN PRG AND SWISS AUTHORITIES. MODALITIES OF PRG OFFICE STILL UNDER DISCUSSION. SWISS WISH TO ENSURE THAT IT WILL HAVE LOWEST POSSIBLE PROFILE. PRG REPS WILL NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES,

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ONLY FACILITIES. ACCORDING TO NUSSBAUMER, THEY WILL BE

RESTRICTED TO "HUMANITARIAN" ACTIVITIES, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH WISHES OF UN SECRETARIAT. BY IMPLICATION, THEY WILL
BE DENIED RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN ANY POLITICAL ROLE OR ACTIVITIES.

4. IN LIGHT OF SWISS PASSIVITY IN THIS MATTER, EMBASSY
BELIEVES THAT ANY PRESSURE WOULD MOST APPROPRIATELY AND
EFFECTIVELY BE APPLIED IN NEW YORK.
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